

December 18, 2000

Our Reference: WA-OK#0179.90.R1

Mr. Michael Fogarty
Chief Executive Officer
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Mr. Fogarty:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend your Medicaid home and community-based services waiver (HCBSW) program No. 0179.90.R1 has been approved effective July 1, 2000. As authorized by section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, this HCBSW program is requested in order to provide home and community-based services to individuals, who but for the provision of such services, would require the level of care in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded and Persons with Related Conditions (ICF/MR). This waiver has been assigned control number 0179.90.R1.07. This control number should be used in all future correspondence regarding the waiver.

This amendment changes the agency responsible for the annual reevaluations for level of care determinations to the Department of Human Services Developmental Disabilities Services Division (DDSD) rather than the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Level of Care Evaluation Unit (OHCA-LOCU).

Specifically, this amendment provides the following changes:

1. Omits the requirement that the plan of care packet be submitted to OHCA-LOCU for subsequent periodic redeterminations.
2. Changes the qualifications of persons performing reevaluations to Qualified Mental Retardation Professional.
3. Grammatical changes are made to Attachment to Appendix E-1.
4. Omits the requirement that LTC-300 be forwarded to OHCA/LOCEU.

5. Allows the case manager and DDS area office staff to have approval authority for annual redeterminations.
6. Omits the requirement that the screening and evaluation documents and the Plan of Care be submitted to OHCA-LOCU for re-approval except when significant changes occur.

For your convenience, we have included a copy of the approved waiver replacement pages. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations